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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Mitch PRATER

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 20, 2001

Sir:

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated June 20, 2001 (Paper No. 21). Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the above-noted application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 1 as follows. A copy of the marked up original claim is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for illuminating surfaces in computer graphics comprising the steps of:  
constructing a plurality of finite light sources within a computer animated scene, each of the finite light sources having a finite size and a center;